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HINES' NEW 'BLACK FLAMINGO' DAZZLES IN AND OUT OF THE GARDEN



Houston, TX — September, 2007 — Hines Horticulture announces the release of 'Black Flamingo,' an easy-to-grow, long-blooming perennial that dazzles onlookers in the landscape or as a houseplant.

Hardy to zone 10a, 'Black Flamingo' is a striking addition to any tropical landscape or container garden. This sub-tropical perennial features clusters of miniature, golden yellow blooms that pop against its glossy, dark purple foliage. Unlike many perennials, 'Black Flamingo' blooms continuously from mid-summer through fall.

"Among the many plants we grow at our nursery in Houston, 'Black Flamingo' has to be one of our team's favorites," said Paul Winski of Hines Horticulture. "It is just as striking at a distant as it is close-up with its delicate, trumpet-shaped blooms and stand-out foliage."

Gardeners should note that 'Black Flamingo' thrives in partial sun to shaded areas, and requires regular watering. It is a relatively low maintenance plant, making it an ideal choice for novice gardeners.

In the landscape, this marvelous plant can grow up to 18-inches tall. Container gardeners, and those growing 'Black Flamingo' indoors on a sun porch, can expect it to reach around 12-inches in height.

Chrysothemis pulchella 'Black Flamingo'

Garden Ideas:

- Spruce up porches, decks and patios with a container garden donning the eye-catching Black Flamingo. This perennial adds wow-color to sun and part-shade areas
- For a more dramatic look in beds and borders, use mass plantings of Black Flamingo. The prolific orange and yellow blooms pop against the dark, glossy foliage
- A true collector's plant, let Black Flamingo take center stage by planting it in oversized urns, hanging baskets and window boxes in the front of your home

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About Hines Horticulture: Hines Horticulture is the leading operator of commercial nurseries in North America, producing one of the broadest assortments of container-grown plants in the industry. The Company sells nursery products primarily to the retail segment, which includes premium independent garden centers, as well as leading home centers and mass merchandisers. Learn more at www.hineshort.com.

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